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SUBJ: GOJ AID TO SVN

REF: A. TOKYO 12471 (NOTAL)

B. TOKYO 12660 (NOTAL)

C. TOKYO 13400

1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR DAN
THIS WEEK I LEARNED THE FOLLOWING:

A. HIS GOVT IS SEEKING INCREASED AID FOR FOUR TYPES
FROM THE JAPANESE GOVT.

I. A \$5 MILLION PER YEAR INCREASE IN EMERGENCY AID:

II. A \$10 MILLION PER YEAR INCREASE IN COMMODITY
LOANS;

III. A \$4 MILLION PER YEAR INCREASE IN PROJECT
FEASIBILITY STUDY AID;

IV. AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT FOR PROJECT AID.

HE SAID HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVT HAD BEEN
"FRIENDLY." THE JAPANESE HAVE INDICATED "SOME" INCREASE
IN AID LEVELS IS PROBABLE, BUT DAN REGARDED THE FORM AND
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ESPECIALLY THE TIMING AS HIGHLY UNCERTAIN AT THIS POINT.

DAN'S FIGURES TALLY ROUGHLY WITH THOSE REPORTED REF B.

B. DAN SAID HE HAD BEEN ADVISED BY JAPANESE ELDER STATEMEN SATO AND KISHI TO SEEK AID FROM ME IN PURSUING HIS REQUESTS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVT. I TOLD DAN THAT ON THE OCCASION OF DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS' VISIT HERE, WE HAD BOTH URGED FONOFF OFFICIALS TO INCREASE AID IF POSSIBLE AND ESPECIALLY TO MAKE EARLY COMMITMENT BECAUSE OF NEED TO BOLSTER SVN MORALE AT THIS TIME. (NOTE: FONOFF DIRGEN FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS YAMAZAKI ADVISED CLEMENTS AND ME THAT SOME INCREASE IN AID LEVELS WAS "POSSIBLE" AND THAT HE WOULD "LOOK INTO" INCREASNG THE SPEED OF THE DECISION.)

2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED TOKYO 12660, FONOFF PLANNING ON 12 BILLION YEN COMMODITY LOAN (\$40 MILLION), 7 BILLION YEN GRANT \$24 MILLION) DURING JFY 1974. IN ADDITION TO OCCASION OF DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS' VISIT, WE HAVE ON OTHER RECENT OCCASIONS, SUCH AS DURING JOINT PLANNING TALKS, EXPRESSED OUR STRONG HOPES THAT AID TO LAOS, SVN, AND KHMER BE MAINTAINED AND EVEN INCREASED. FOLLOWING UNGA DECISION ON KHMER CREDENTIALS AND NDOCHINA DONORS MEETING STARTING OCT 17 AND RESOLUTION USG AID LEGISLATION, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR US TO HAVE FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL REVIEW OF GOJ AID TO INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES.

3. IF DEPT CONCURS, I WOULD PLAN TO INITIATE SUCH A REVIEW WITH GOJ ONCE THESE ELEMENTS IN PLACE, AND I WOULD WELCOME ANY GUIDANCE AS TO SUBSTANCE AND TIMING OF OUR APPROACH. HODGSON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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